



City of Fall River Massachusetts

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City of Fall River Creates Veterans Advisory Committee, Distributes \$100,000 to Fall River Veterans Organizations

(FALL RIVER, MA- July 7, 2022)- In conjunction with Mayor Paul Coogan and Director of Veterans' Services, Micaila Britto, the City of Fall River announces the establishment of the Fall River Veterans Advisory Committee as well as a distribution of \$100,000 in funding to 18 veteran service organizations.

About the Veterans Advisory Committee:

The purpose of The City of Fall River Veterans' Advisory Committee is to promote good understanding and relationship between chartered veterans organizations, veterans, their surviving families, and the administration of the City of Fall River.

In addition to the appointed members, the committee will also comprise of permanent members consisting of the City of Fall River City Administrator, Director of Veterans' Services Officer, Executive Director of the USS Massachusetts Memorial Association, Inc. (Battleship Cove), and one member of the City Council Veterans Liaison.

The role of a member shall be to give advice and recommendations to the VSO through participation in the Committee meetings and communications. Each member shall report to the committee whatever veteran-related issues or concerns they become aware of in the City through their relationships with different veterans and veterans organizations. In this way, the Fall River' Office of Veterans' Services may remain constantly apprised and aware of any issues effecting veterans within our community and such issues may be brought before the committee for

discussion and possible action. The committee will also assist in the planning of veterans' related events and observances.

The committee shall meet every six weeks on an agreed day and time of the majority. Subsequently, the committee may be required to meet before veterans' related events and observances.

City Allocates \$100,000 of Funding to Veterans Organizations:

The City of Fall River Mayor's Office and the Office of Veterans' Services are pleased to announce the distribution of funds to be given to the Veterans' Service Organizations which provide services to the City of Fall River's veteran population. This allotment, totaling \$100,000, was sourced from the Office of Veterans Services' FY 2022 budget and has been distributed to the below listed organizations.

Organization	Allotment
American Legion 314	\$5,000.00
American Legion 464	\$5,000.00
Am Vets 60	\$5,000.00
DAV Chapter 9	\$5,000.00
Fall River Young Marines	\$5,000.00
Fleet Reserve Branch 72	\$5,000.00
FR War Veterans Council	\$10,000.00
Italian-American	\$5,000.00
Katyn Military Corp	\$5,000.00
Lebanese-American	\$5,000.00
Marine Corps League 1285	\$5,000.00
Polish-American	\$5,000.00
Tin Can Sailors	\$5,000.00
Veterans' Kitchen	\$10,000.00
VFW 486	\$5,000.00
VFW 8500	\$5,000.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Fall River	\$5,000.00
Vietnam Veterans of American 207	\$5,000.00
	\$100,000.00

These groups represent all service organizations that assist veterans within the City of Fall River.



**City of Fall River Veterans Press Conference
July 7, 2022 – 1pm | Corky Row Club**

Veterans Advisory Committee Member List:

- Emiliano Ramos
 - Organization/Affiliation: Marine Core/National Guard
- Joseph Marshall
 - Organization/Affiliation: Air Force
- Carlene Barrett
 - Organization/Affiliation: Gold Star; Mother of Sgt. Robert Barrett (Army National Guard)
- Robert Guinen
 - Organization/Affiliation: Army
- Trott Lee
 - Organization/Affiliation: Air Force
- Charles Denmead
 - Organization/Affiliation: Army
- Anna Martinez-Stanford
 - Organization/Affiliation: Air Force
- Kathy Splinter
 - Organization/Affiliation: Army
- Alan Silvia
 - Organization/Affiliation: Marine Core
- Rene Brown